

By JOHN MORLEY

EDITORIALS

Count Your Blessings

The week of Nov. 20-26 has been set aside as "Know Your America Week" by more than 50 national patriotic organizations.

Locally, the week is being sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Torrance Lodge 1948, which is urging all patriotic and civic minded citizens to take part in this program.

The Elks slogan, "Show Your Colors," means among other things that every American is being urged to fly the United States Flag during the week.

Thanksgiving Day comes during the week, which is an appropriate time to count our blessings as Americans, to thank God for America and all the privileges we enjoy as Americans.

This is our opportunity to show the world we are proud to be Americans.

They Love Good Books

Pessimists who predict that the young generation is headed straight for perdition should be interested in reports from public librarians indicating that boys and girls of today not only show an ability to read, but express a preference for worthwhile books.

Our local library staff says that there has been a substantial increase over previous years in the circulation of books among younger readers. During 1954, more than 1,300 new books for children were published in the United States.

In spite of the competition from television and the popularity of so-called comic-books, our children still love to read wholesome books. Experienced librarians in your own neighborhood are ready to guide them on the magic carpet of their dreams through the land of books.

Visit your local library. See the children's book department. Meet the children's librarian. You will come away with the good feeling that our future men and women are eager for good books and that they know how to read and comprehend what they read.

Armor for Motorists

A race seems to be on to determine whether the new safety devices for motorists can keep up with the growing horsepower—and speed—of motor cars. Safety belts are here, along with safety door latches and padded dashboards. Shatterproof mirrors and rear-facing seats with high shock-absorbent headrests are being talked of as protection in accidents.

Yet at the rate motor car horsepower is going up, more radical safety measures may be needed. New 1956 cars in the medium and high priced range will feature more engines of 200-plus horsepower, with some as much as 300 horsepower. Car manufacturers insist that high horsepower is designed to give flexibility rather than speed, but with more superhighways higher travel speed seems likely to remain a constant temptation. And problem drivers are multiplying.

The safety experts need to come up with some suitable armor for motoring. Something on the order of the outfits worn by football players, undersea divers, or better still, outer space pilots, might be worked out. Why not? We outfit men for the battlefield—yet more persons have been killed on our highways than in all our wars.



Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

Caskie Stinnett, the resourceful reporter of Holiday Magazine doing, tells the tale about his publication's two-page photographic spread on student life at Rutgers. At the bottom of one page, inconspicuously (they thought) is a photo of a student's room in the Delta Phi house. Well, sir, sighs Caskie, hardly had the magazine hit the newsstands when Rutgers' switchboard began to light up like the Milky Way.

A gent in the western part of the state, fit to be tied, wanted his sign back or \$15 dollars in cash; the Hudson River Day Line called and demanded their life preserver from the Peter Stuyvesant; the owner of Paul's Tavern said he'd be right over to pick up his coat pot; and the Standard Oil people said they would appreciate the return of the Esso globe hanging from the student's ceiling. All of which, put collective enterprise back on its heels and stunted its progress at least 10 years.

Did you hear about the man who bragged how he had arrived in Las Vegas without any automobile, he had walked into town down the hot paved road, he had only one suit on his back, one pair of shoes on his feet, and all his earthly possessions wrapped in a read handkerchief slung over his shoulder? "My luck has been good," boasted the traveler. "Today I own property worth \$60,000, I have an \$8,000 Cadillac, and my bank balance reads \$52,000, a total net worth of \$100,000." A club member asked: "Tell me, friend, what did you have in that red handkerchief?" and the traveler replied: "\$300,000 and colors. Then, she'll return home and won't be able to eat. When she goes to bed, that's all she thinks about is M-I-N-K and so she can't sleep a W-I-N-K and she gets out of bed in the morning with a K-E-N-K in her back. All this misery just to buy something she'll enjoy!

In cash and \$500,000 in negotiable securities."

Lowell Nussbaum, of the Indianapolis Star, is waging a one-man campaign urging parents and friends of overseas servicemen to mail their Christmas parcels NOW, NOW, NOW! As Lowell emphasizes: It means everything in the world for the kids to get their packages ON TIME.

Wilfrid Delquest tells about the mother who tucked her sweet little boy into his tiny trundle bed and said: "Don't you want me to sing you a lullaby?" and the kid grumbled "Naw, I had a hard day. Why don't you just go away and let me get some shut-eye?" ... Henry A. Wallace, holder of numerous impressive and significant titles, such as Vice President, Secretary of Agriculture, and Secretary of Commerce, now refers to himself as "Private Citizen and Independent Voter" ... Jimmy Fidler, film commentator on KTLA, has acquired a faithful fan following of folks who like to hear what he has to say because he always has something to say.

Maj. George DeRoyales, one of the world's greatest teachers of horsemanship, says: "Horses were made for kings to ride. If you're going to ride a horse, look like a king." ... Good night, sweet prints.

Did you ever stop to realize the agonies a person will go through in order to buy something he or she will enjoy? For example, a woman will shop for a mink stole. She'll run around all day long, covering mile after mile, exhausting herself completely, while she compares prices and skins

and colors. Then, she'll return home and won't be able to eat. When she goes to bed, that's all she thinks about is M-I-N-K and so she can't sleep a W-I-N-K and she gets out of bed in the morning with a K-E-N-K in her back. All this misery just to buy something she'll enjoy!

And if you men are laughing at your wife because you remember she did exactly that, how about the time you decided to buy that camera, or your fishing or hunting equipment, or those golf clubs? Awful! Awful! Acid stomach! Headaches! Spots in front of your eyes! Just so you could buy something to enjoy! Aren't we little devils!

After the Minnesota defeat the Trojans decided to change the name of the game from football to snow ball ... In a barbershop, a balding fifty-year customer watched a teenager get off the chair, rushed up to the barber, and yelled: "You're just the man for me! Give me a haircut just like that! With plenty of hair on top!" ... How many men do you know named Slim or Skinny, who are no longer slim or skinny?

Art Ryon espied a classified ad wherein a bullfighter sought financial backing. "I have terrific connections," read the ad which prompted Mr. Ryon to comment: "When a bullfighter makes connections, they're terrific alright!" ... Bus conversation: "Don't your wife ever go to a football game with you?" "Nope." "Didn't she ever go to a football game with you?" "Yup." "When?" "Until she got me."

TOKYO—Arriving here through some 30 countries around the world since leaving Finland last spring you become aware of one disturbing conclusion: that among the nations of the world there is no such thing as permanent friends or permanent enemies, just permanent interests. Japan is no exception. I have seen the changes come to Japan since the end of World War II, but particularly since the untimely dismissal of General MacArthur in the spring of 1951. Soon after General MacArthur returned to the United States the Left Socialists and the Communist party grew by leaps and bounds. The circulation of the Red and Socialist papers has trebled and is growing constantly. As I walk the streets of the Ginza today there is evidence that Communism is working feverishly to fill any vacuum which appears as a result of the serious split between Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama and former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida.

On my way early yesterday morning to the big U. S. military airport at Tachikawa, to catch the courier-plane to Seoul, I saw thousands of Reds gathered at 6 a.m. in preparation for a protest rally against the U. S. extension of the Tachikawa airstrip to handle the bigger jet planes coming to Japan. They were joined by the so-called Left Socialist party, always in the forefront of such agitations. They are very similar to Britain's Bevanites. The Red-tinted Sohyo, Japan's biggest labor federation, was also there with bright red banners and slogans against the Tachikawa extension. Surprisingly so, this protest was not as much against the U. S. as it was against what they call the "pseudo-liberal" government of Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama.

More than ten years of foreign occupation has created a strong feeling among the Japanese against the U. S. This in spite of the millions of dollars GI Joe has been spending in Japan, which contributed so much to the rising standard of living of the entire nation. The thousands of illegitimate children born to Japanese women

and Red China offering profitable trade concessions, which the U. S. cannot match and which Japan needs for her very survival, we are being squeezed into an internal and external political dilemma which was hardly anticipated when we gave Japan over two billion dollars toward her rehabilitation since the end of the war.

During a downpour this week I saw parades in front of U. S. headquarters against the recent landing of atomic cannon in Okinawa, former Japanese territory, and the arrival in Japan of the new "Honest John" rockets with atomic warheads. The Communists and Socialists ran the old Hiroshima atomic explosion films, exploiting Japan's horror to any device of atomic nature.

Most of the anti-government and anti-U. S. agitation is spearheaded by the new and aggressive political party of the pacifist Left Socialists. It increased its strength in the Diet from 48 seats in 1949 to 90 seats today. Every responsible authority I talked with in Japan ... editors, newsmen, government officials, businessmen, Rotarians, etc., are of the opinion that the Left Socialists will grab even greater gains in the next election early next year.

This socialist trend in Japan poses a very serious problem for the Far East policy of the United States. With Russia

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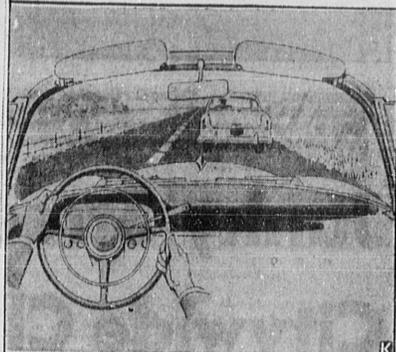
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THINGS TO TALK ABOUT BY FRANKLIN J. MEINE Editor, American Peoples Encyclopedia. Includes illustrations of a man with a suitcase, a woman with a suitcase, and a school bus.

IT'S A FACT By JERRY CAHILL. Includes illustrations of a man with a suitcase, a woman with a suitcase, and a school bus. Text: 'THE BELLS OF HAMBURG' Germany, ALL BANGS OF THEIR OWN ACCORD WHEN THAT CITY WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE IN 1942. THE DRAFT CREATED BY THE FIRE CHANGED THEM TO BING BANGS. 'MAG ANY COURSE' ... 'NEXT ISSUE A MOUNTAIN MOVED BY MAN!' ... 'PRAYER DRUMS' ... 'WOMEN'S ROYAL NAVAL SERVICE' ... 'THE WRENCH RELIEVES THOUSANDS OF MEN FOR SEA DUTY' ... 'Copyright © 1955 Jerry Cahill, Torrance, Calif.'

LAW IN ACTION

CHILDREN AND THE LAW Since children carry on when we are dead and gone, we seek their welfare. Our laws today tend to treat them alike, whether legitimate or not. As a public policy, the law presumes that a married woman bears legitimate children fathered by her husband. This presumption may be overcome only in very special circumstances. Furthermore, it continues as to any child born within ten months after the breakup of a marriage. Only a few parents may overcome it—a husband, wife, offspring, or (since last September) the state (to force a natural father to support his child). The law calls upon parents—married or not—to support their child until he or she gets married, or the child comes of age (even afterwards, if he cannot support himself). It is a crime not to support one's minor child. In turn a parent (the mother, for illegitimate children) may claim the minor's services and earnings; and, if needy, their support as adults. But the law, since September, will release such an adult child if his parents seeking public aid, had abandoned him for three years before he was sixteen. Parents may look after the child's personal needs in education, religion, health, dress, social life and the like. But parents have no claim to a child's property. Suppose grandpa gives Junior his oil wells; his parents cannot touch them, even to bring him up. To make sure, the superior court may name a guardian, a parent or someone else accountable to the court. An adopted child's natural parents give up all claim to him and no longer owe him a legal duty. As to his new parents, the child has the same legal rights and duties as other children, as if from birth. Adoption amounts to full substitution of parents, though not of their relatives, such as grandparents and the like. A father may make a child legitimate by marrying the child's mother or by taking them in, and openly treating him as his own. If married, the father needs his wife's consent for this. Such a child, or an adopted one, then has rights and duties as if legitimate from birth. Note: The State Bar of California offers this column for you to know more about our laws.

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